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1. MOSHE DAYAN PUT AN END TO WIDE-SPREAD SPECULATION THAT HE WOULD SWITCH TO THE LIKUD OR LEAD A NEW PARTY BY DECLARING HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE KNESSET ON THE LABOR PARTY TICKET. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AFTER SOME 30 LABOR PARTY LEADERS, INCLUDING CABINET MINISTERS PERES, YAACOBI, BAR-LEV, HILLEL AND UZAN, SIGNED A STATEMENT APRIL 3 SAYING THAT THEY WOULD INSIST THAT THE NEXT COALITION AGREEMENT CONTAIN A PLEDGE TO HOLD ELECTIONS BEFORE CEDING WEST BANK TERRITORY IF A COALITION PARTNER SHOULD SO DEMAND. DAYAN HAD ALSO RECEIVED AN ASSURANCE BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO PARTY MEMBERS MAKING THIS COMMITMENT. DAYAN'S CANDIDACY WAS CONFIRMED APRIL 7 WHEN THE LABOR PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE GAVE HIM A 69PERCENT VOTE OF ENDORSEMENT TO BE ON THE PARTY'S KNESSET LIST. (A VETERAN OF MORE THAN TWO KNESSET TERMS, HE NEEDED AT LEAST A 60 PERCENT VOTE. SEE SEPTTEL.)

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2. DAYAN'S DECISION GREATLY DISAPPOINTED THE LIKUD LEADERSHIP, ARIK SHARON, AND INDEPENDENT MK MORDECHAI BEN PORAT. THEY HAD HOPED THAT DAYAN WOULD AT LEAST PARTICIPATE IN AND POSSIBLY HEAD SOME SORT OF ANTI-ALIGNMENT FRONT OPPOSED TO TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON THE WEST BANK. THE HOPE WAS PROBABLY A DIM ONE AT BEST. DAYAN WAS RAISED IN THE LABOR PARTY AND IT

IS PART OF HIS SOUL, NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE MAY DIFFER
WITH ITS POLICIES. AS IT IS, THE ALIGNMENT BOUGHT
HIM OFF CHEAPLY. THE COMMITMENT TO DAYAN IS LITTLE
MORE THAN FLUFF. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE
NEXT COALITION AGREEMENT WILL REQUIRE A PRIOR REFERENDUM
OVER ANY WEST BANK RETROCESSION--INDEPENDENT OF DAYAN'S
DEMAND. IF NO SUCH DEMAND IS MADE BY A COALITION
PARTNER, THE PROMISSORY NOTE TO DAYAN HAS NO VALUE.

3. WHY THEN DID DAYAN RAISE FALSE HOPES AMONG THE
RIGHT WING HARD-LINERS? ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT
DAYAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAN OF INCONSISTENCIES AND
CONTRADICTIONS, HE PROBABLY DESIRED A PUBLIC DEM-
ONSTRATION THAT THE LABOR PARTY NEEDED HIM--SOMETHING

THE PARTY ITSELF WAS NOT SURE OF. IN THE END,
PARTY LEADERS REALIZED THAT OUTSIDE THE PARTY
DAYAN COULD HAVE DONE THEM A LOT OF DAMAGE, EVEN IF
WITHIN IT HE IS A QUESTIONABLE ASSET.
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